OROYAL MUSEUM AIRFORCE MUSEUM COSFORD

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Cosford Food Festival – It's plane delicious!

Date: 25-26 July 2015 Time: 10am to 5pm Cost: £5 per adult (Family, senior citizen and child rates also available)

Preparations are well underway at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford for the annual Cosford Food Festival which takes place this weekend. Held in the Museum's spacious grounds, a bustling food market will showcase some of the region's finest artisan produce, tastiest treats and best cooked dishes.

Over 70 local producers from across the Midlands will be tempting visitors with a wide range of exquisite fresh, organic and handmade produce not available from your average supermarket store – meaning there is something to suit everyone's taste buds.

Many popular exhibitors from last year's event will be returning to this year's festival, including; Swifts Bakery, who will be bringing along a selection of their traditional and specialty breads from around the world. North Wales based, Snowdonia Cheese Company will be offering a range of coloured wax coated blended natural cheeses made using the finest ingredients. The delightful Coopers Sausage Rolls will have a wide range of gourmet sausage rolls on offer, with plenty of exciting flavours to choose from. Or, if it's a thirst quenching beverage you're after, The Ludlow Brewing Company will have their award winning ales to tempt you.

There are plenty of brand new exhibitors signed up for the 2015 festival and exhibitors can't get more local than the Cosford Grange Farm Shop. This family run business will have a pop up delicatessen at the festival and organisers are thrilled to have them on board. For visitors who enjoy a spot of cooking at home, Bennett and Dunn will be bringing along their delicious and healthy Rapeseed oil, suitable for all types of cooking and dressings. Anyone with a sweet tooth will love, Care for a Cupcake? who will have all the cookies, brownies and cupcakes you could wish for – they're even suitable for vegans and are gluten free!

If browsing all the stalls makes you hungry, fear not, organisers have lined up some delicious hot food vendors who will be serving up flavours from around the world. Local vendors will have a diverse menu which includes everything from African, Indian, Italian and Spanish cuisine to south east Asian street food, handmade burgers and pulled pork buns. Enjoy a little alfresco dining whilst sitting back and sipping on a freshly made cup of tea served in the Thyme for Tea vintage tea room. Bringing a little sweetness to proceedings will be Shrewsbury Donuts, I Love Crepes and The Shropshire Ice Cream Company - so whatever you fancy, there's a tempting treat for everyone.

To accompany the great food offer, Mothers Ruin, a vintage double decker bus bar will be serving up some premium Belgian beers, craft ales and funky rum based cocktails. Visitors can enjoy a refreshing summer's drink sitting in the beer garden next to the 1949 red bus, soaking up the festival atmosphere whilst listening to the live music.

Dishing out some inspiration, visitors will learn from top chefs during the cooking demonstrations courtesy of the Wot's Cooking team. Chefs will be on stage every hour passing on years of knowledge and expertise to visitors with a real mix of specialty cuisines. So whether you're looking for some top tips on baking the perfect loaf, or want to impress your friends with Thai cuisine, the chefs have got it covered.

The Cosford Food Festival will run from 10am to 5pm Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July. Admission is just £5 per adult which includes a free Cosford Food Festival programme. A free park and ride service will operate from Cosford Train Station over the festival weekend, making getting to the Museum even easier for festival goers.

Save time and beat the queues by booking your tickets online via the Museum website <u>www.rafmuseum.org/cosford</u> or for more information, please call the Museum on 01902 376200. Keep up to date with the latest Cosford Food Festival event information by following the event on Facebook – Cosford Food Festival.

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The media are invited to attend the Cosford Food Festival free of charge. If you would like to attend the event, please confirm your attendance by emailing <u>michelle.morgans@rafmuseum.org</u>.

Notes to Editors:

- Admission Prices:
 - Adult £5
 - Senior Citizen £4
 - Child £2 (aged 5-15 years)
 - Family £12 (2 adults and up to 4 children)
 - Children under 5 free
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- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
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